

New Shoreham Deer Task Force Agenda
Tuesday, February 16, 2010
Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island
7:30 p.m.

Present: Mary Sue Record, Chris Blane, Maggie Komosinski, William Wilson, George Mellor and Paul Deane. **Absent:** Chris Blansfield, Pat Doyle and Rebecca Ballard. Also present were First Warden Kim Gaffett and Dan West from the Block Island Times. Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Public Input

Mr. Wilson reported on a newspaper clipping he received from Fred Nelson..

Approval of minutes from February 2, 2010

After making changes the minutes of February 2, 2010 were approved in a motion by Ms. Komosinski and seconded by Mr. Mellor.

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Old Business:

Deer Count

Ms. Gaffett and Ms Record. record reported on a conversation with Mr. Tefft. DEM did do a visual count and Mr. Tefft was confident that their estimate of 800 deer was correct. DEM is willing to come out and meet with the group and explain their methodology. Tentative meeting dates of Feb. 25 or 26 during the day will be explored.

Visual Air Research.

There are no funds to pursue this at this time.

Fire Dept. Infrared equipment:

Paul Deane reported that it has not been used in the air. The committee would have to request using it from the Fire Department.

Current deer tag count

136 Shotgun

28 Archery

18 Muzzleloader

Road kill was reported on for 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009.

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Transfer Station

Chris Blane reported that the process of deer remains removal works well.

CDC Grant

George Mellor, Bill Wilson and Pat Doyle will collaborate on the grant and run it by Heidi Tarbox. Bill Wilson will remain the contact person. It was agreed by all that Dr. Fish should be invited to the meeting with DEM when it is scheduled.

Fish/Krause study

Dr. Krause has contacted Monty Stover at the medical center for Lyme's Disease statistics.

Opening more land

- BI Conservancy: no news
- Land Trust: There was a discussion about how to begin a pilot program for next year on land trust lands. Rebecca Ballard, Maggie Komosinski, Paul Deane and Chris Blane will look at the land trust property and come up with a specific time, specific property, etc.
- Rodman's Hollow: no action
- Fish and Wildlife: no action
- Preparing for next year's hunting season

GIS Mapping: Ms. Komosinski will get current data and have Martha Roldan add plat and lot to the maps.

Permissions: There was a discussion about state law requiring abutter's permission if it was within the 500 ft. area.

A motion was made to obtain something in writing from the New Shoreham Police Department as to what they will require in permissions from property owners and abutters for next hunting season.

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. in a motion by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Chris Blane and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 3/2/2010

Bonny Ryan